

VIRGINIA STUDENTS HEAR COL. MOSBY

Confederate Veteran Tells of Experiences at Reunion of His Command.

A story of Mosby's famous rangers, as told by the Confederate chieftain to students and faculty of the University of Virginia, at a gathering of the survivors of the rangers at Charlottesville, is told in the current issue of "College Topics," the University paper. Colonel Mosby, and twenty of his men attended the reunion and reminisced and told anecdotes for the students. The "College Topics" story is as follows:

Mosby's famous rangers, under the leadership of their old chieftain, added one more successful coup to their long list of victories when Saturday night they took captive the large crowd at Cabell Hall, "waiting for them." When the twenty-odd surviving members of the noted command entered the building they became the masters of the situation in a moment, and when Col. John S. Mosby, the last survivor of the famous Confederate leaders, entered with President-elect Wood, it was a sign for complete surrender.

In presenting the speaker, Dr. Alderman commented on the fact that the audience before him was largely composed of the third generation who had come to know Colonel Mosby. "No better presentation may be had for our distinguished guest than to read this note coming from our noblest academic veteran, Prof. Francis H. Smith, who was unable to be here because of illness. The note was as follows: 'It would have been a great pleasure to have been present with you on this occasion.'

Captured Then Captivated.

"Tell the boys of this what the boys of 1860 thought of the greatest partisan leader who captured his opponents and then captivated them. It was a rule of his life if any one did him any injury to return it with kindness."

"I, too," said Dr. Alderman, "can bow in reverence to this plumed knight who can return evil for evil."

Colonel Mosby began the chapter from his interesting reminiscences by telling of his life as a youth here in Albemarle county and the days when he walked the streets of Charlottesville, a bare-footed schoolboy. Speedily drawn toward a narrative of some of his experiences during the most exciting years of his life, he told of the general anxiety to get into the fighting when the war broke out. Colonel Mosby stated that after the battle of Bull Run the company of which he was a member did picket duty on the banks of the Potomac until the spring of 1862.

He told how a change in command led to the loss of his position, but that this resulted in good for him.

Tells of Stuart's Ride.

Turning next to one of the most dramatic incidents of the war, Stuart's ride around McClellan's army, the speaker related how he penetrated the enemy's lines on a scouting expedition and found out how few pickets there were; how, on reporting this to Stuart and he in turn to Lee, the raid was planned; and how on the morning of the company of 1,200 cavalry set out on the hazardous expedition. Colonel Mosby stated that before the start he asked Stuart how long he would be gone, and he replied: "It may be for a year, and it may be forever."

Continuing on this point the speaker stated that the party was within a few miles of McClellan's headquarters and that the Yankees were terror-stricken. After forty-eight hours they were safe once more after having struck the first blow at McClellan's reputation and made the first of the great cavalry expeditions that marked the war.

Shifting the time and place, Colonel Mosby told of his capture by the Yankees and how he procured important information pertaining to the destination of Federal reinforcements, and how he communicated this to the army immediately after his exchange. He discussed at some length the proposed move against Burnside before the reinforcements could arrive, and explained the reasons for the failure of the expedition.

Charges and Captures.

Taking up next his life as a commander and a partisan leader, Colonel Mosby held the absorbed interest of the audience as he told of scouting trips and of fights, of charges and captures, and all that goes to make up the life of an active military organization. Nearly all the episodes were of a comic character, and one of his old veterans remarked at the close of the meeting: "I don't tell about killing a single Yankee."

In conclusion Colonel Mosby said: "I have only related events all of which I saw and part of which I was. A man clung longer to the Confederacy than I did. If Troy could, it would have been saved by this right hand. It would have been saved."

Four Civil Service Tests To Be Held June 23-24

Four civil service examinations to find qualified eligibles for appointment to the Government service are to be held June 23 and 24.

Examinations will be held June 23 for subinspector of ordnance in the office of the naval inspector of ordnance at the Midvale Steel Company plant; for an engineer, plumber and blacksmith for employment with the U. S. Mountain Indian Agency, and for an assistant assayer in the mint at New Orleans, La.

On June 24 an examination will be held for an assistant chemist in food products in the forest service at Madison, Wis.

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Victims Die So Rapidly That Authorities Have Lost Count—Decent Burials Out of Question With Deaths Reaching 150 a Day.

By HENRY WOOD.

NISH, Serbia, May 21 (by mail).—Valievo is the black hole of the terrible typhus plague ravaging Serbia. There were 8,000 men, women and children in the town when the epidemic began sweeping out whole families.

The victims are dying like flies—so rapidly that the town authorities have lost count. At least 4,000 of those surviving are stricken with the disease and are battling for their lives.

Like Plagues of Middle Ages.

"The only way you can get an idea of the terrible conditions at the town is by reading accounts of some of the great plagues of the Middle Ages," he said.

Dr. MacCookingham himself was stricken with typhus in two of his worst forms, the "recurrens" and the "exanthematicus." Dr. Albert B. Cooke, former police surgeon of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dr. MacCookingham's only English-speaking companion in the "black hole" of Valievo, died of it.

During the first five months, they made some effort to give the victims a decent burial," said Dr. MacCookingham. "That was when the deaths were running only fifty to seventy-five a day."

"Later, when deaths reached 150 a day and when a large part of the population was dying with the fever, that was out of the question. They simply stacked the bodies together like logs and hauled them away."

"The dead were made its rounds as often as possible. Bodies were just tossed in the air and the grim callers passed on to the next house. When the wagon was full, it started for the outskirts of the town. It was so full that the streets with a head or two hanging out behind, and arms and legs extended over the sides. The bodies were dumped into a hole outside the city limits, and the whole mass hastily covered with earth. Then the wagon and the overworked horse began the rounds again."

"The misery and the suffering in Valievo were indescribable. When Dr. Cooke and I arrived there in January the town was filled with thousands of wounded from the last great battle with the Austrians, centering near there."

"There were no hospitals. The wounded had been piled on racks in a big warehouse, 150 in a row. They were without bedding, and when we arrived there was only one Serbian doctor in charge of them all. We were given 600 men to attend. Later a Holland Red Cross unit arrived."

Spread Like Wildfire.

"In the midst of these terrible conditions the typhus epidemic reached its height. There were neither hospitals nor doctors for the civil population. The disease spread like wildfire, the poor victims dying unattended in their homes."

"Then came a food famine that lasted nearly a month. The suffering from the fever was increased by hunger. The mortality from typhus reached 75 per cent. The disease was especially deadly when it attacked the Serbian prisoners. Of the 1,400 quartered at Valievo only 100 are still alive. But the Serbian government is doing its best and the mortality rate is going lower."

"Upon his arrival here Dr. MacCookingham was decorated by the Serbian Red Cross for his heroic work and given a gold medal by the government."

Wealthy Girl Quits Elevator Boy Hubby

Disposes of Furniture in East Side Flat After Eight Weeks of Married Life.

NEW YORK, May 21.—The love idyl of Mrs. Isabelle Bernheimer Murray, nineteen-year-old daughter of a wealthy New York family, and James Murray, former elevator boy in the Brentmore apartments, where the Bernheimers live, is ended today.

After eight weeks of married life in an East Side top floor flat, Mrs. Bernheimer-Murray yesterday disposed of the furniture, and when her husband arrived home he was confronted with an empty flat.

Murray defended his wife, and said he was sure her family had spirited her away.

Jacob Rothchild, the girl's uncle, who bet Murray \$100 to \$1 he would not live with him four months, disclaimed knowledge of her whereabouts.

30 Roads Oppose Space Plan for Rail Mail Pay

NEW YORK, May 21.—Executives representing more than thirty railroad companies, at a meeting in Grand Central terminal, adopted resolutions opposing the "space plan" of payment for carrying mails advocated by the Post office Department, and urging the retention of the present system of payment, according to weight.

The position taken by the committee on railway mail pay on this proposition was endorsed, and approval was also given to these reforms in the present laws relating to the carrying of mails, as urged by the committee:

1. That the mails be weighed and pay readjusted at least once a year, instead of once every four years.

2. That the railroads be paid for, or relieved from, the duty of carrying the mail between railroad stations and post offices.

3. That the railroads be paid for apartment postoffice cars on a pro rata basis, with the compensation for full railway postoffice cars.

Howard Elliott, president of the New Haven railroad, was chairman of the meeting.

Completing Fund for Jamestown Isle Shaft

The Pocahontas Memorial Association has launched a wind-up campaign to obtain the remainder of the amount necessary for the erection of the memorial monument on Jamestown Island, in the James river, at a point where it last night at the Bellevue Hotel it was announced that \$200 must be forthcoming before the \$10,000 necessary for the completion of the memorial is assured.

The financial committee reported that the benefit performance held at the Columbia Theater, May 11, benefited the fund about \$150. The pedestal for the monument has already been set in place, and the members of the association believe that the unveiling will take place some time this summer. Miss Ella Howard, Dorsey president, and Miss Lillian Reed was secretary.

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